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Re Application of:

Jeffrey C. Cerier

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For: TISSUE FIXATION DEVICES AND
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicants hereby respond to the outstanding office action mailed November 01, 2006 and hereby request a 4 month extension of time for reply extending the deadline for reply to April 01, 2007.

Applicants elect Group II which corresponds to claims 7-41, as set forth by the Examiner, for continued prosecution at this time. The Applicants also elect Species I which is exemplified by Figure 1, according to the Examiner. At least independent claims 7, 11, 29, and 41 encompass the elected species.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 064391-5010-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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